

# AI-Enabled Surveillance System For Abnormal Activity Detection And Alerting

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**Abstract-** Surveillance system is a network of interconnected devices and technologies designed to monitor, record, and analyze activities in a particular area or environment. The primary purpose of surveillance systems is to enhance security, gather data for analysis, and provide insights into various aspects of the monitored space. These systems are commonly used in a wide range of settings, including public spaces, commercial establishments, residential properties, and governmental facilities. Many surveillance systems rely on motion detection algorithms to trigger alerts. As a result, false alarms are common, leading to alert fatigue and reduced effectiveness. Traditional surveillance systems, however, often face challenges such as limited coverage, manual monitoring, and false alarms, which can hinder their effectiveness in detecting and responding to security threats. In recent years, advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and computer vision technologies have revolutionized surveillance systems by enabling more intelligent and automated approaches to monitoring and analysis. This project presents an AI-driven surveillance system designed to enhance security by detecting and responding to abnormal activities in real-time. The proposed system utilizes Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) for behavior classification and YOLOv8 (You Only Look Once version 8) for abnormal activities detection, the system identifies abnormal behaviors and specific objects associated with security threats. Upon detection, an integrated alert system triggers alarms and sends SMS and email notifications to designated personnel, enabling swift response and intervention. The customizable alert settings allow for tailored notifications based on the severity of detected activities. Additionally, the system logs all alerts for post-incident analysis and reporting. By combining advanced AI algorithms with efficient alerting mechanisms, this surveillance system provides proactive security measures and enhances situational awareness in monitored environments.

**Keywords** Convolutional Neural Networks(CNNs), Suspicious Human Behaviors, Proactive Security Management, High False Alarm Rates

## I. INTRODUCTION

In our rapidly evolving world, security concerns have become a significant part of everyday life. Traditional

surveillance methods often struggle to keep up with the increasing demand for real-time analysis and proactive threat detection. This is where artificial intelligence steps in, offering unparalleled capabilities to enhance security measures. This paper introduces an AI-powered Human Suspicious and Anomalous Activity Monitoring System, designed to detect and analyze unusual behaviors in real-time. Leveraging advanced machine learning algorithms and computer vision techniques, the system aims to identify suspicious activities with high precision. The architecture includes data acquisition, pre-processing, feature extraction, and anomaly detection modules, all working together seamlessly. Through extensive experimentation, the system has proven to be highly accurate and reliable, offering a scalable solution for enhancing public safety prevailing weather conditions. The hybrid approach ensures an accurate, scalable, and inexpensive solution for precision agriculture, particularly with value to smallholder farmers

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Recent years have witnessed remarkable progress in AI-driven surveillance technologies, spurred by growing demands for improved security across diverse sectors. Conventional approaches like CCTV cameras and human monitoring frequently lack the capability for real-time insights or preemptive responses. This gap has fueled the creation of advanced AI systems that employ machine learning and computer vision to detect and analyse suspicious activities autonomously. Research has extensively investigated the application of deep learning architectures, such as CNNs for spatial pattern recognition and RNNs for temporal analysis, in identifying behavioral anomalies. For example, Tripathi et al. (2018) demonstrated how these models effectively flag unusual actions in academic environments, such as unauthorized movements during exams. Alsabhan (2023) further explored machine learning combined with LSTM networks to detect academic dishonesty in universities, analyzing patterns like irregular eye movements or atypical device usage. Unsupervised techniques, including auto encoders and GANs, have also enhanced anomaly detection by learning normal behaviour patterns, thereby reducing false alarms in systems like automated exam proctoring tools. Masud et al. (2022) illustrated this with an AI-powered

proctoring tool that identifies suspicious actions during online tests, such as unauthorized resource access. However, the rise of AI-surveillance raises significant ethical and privacy challenges. Experts stress the need for safeguards like strict data anonymization, algorithmic transparency, and user consent protocols to prevent misuse and protect individual rights. In conclusion, while AI surveillance systems show immense potential in boosting security through intelligent monitoring, their adoption must balance innovation with ethical frameworks to address societal concerns.

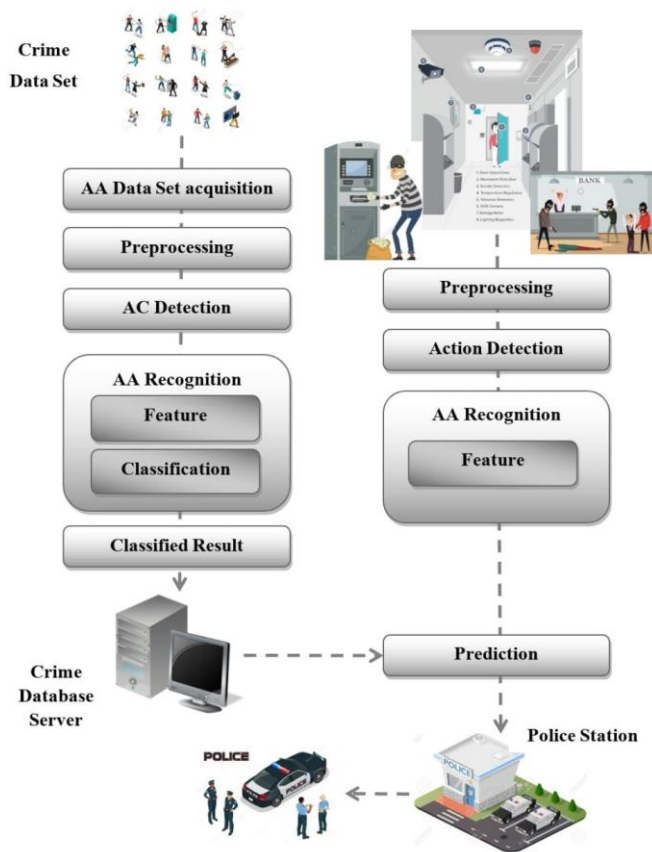
### III. RELATED WORKS

Recent advancements in video analytics have enabled researchers to detect anomalous activities across domain such as healthcare, traffic management, and security. A key focus lies in feature extraction and classifying events as normal or abnormal. For instance, Shubham Shinde and colleagues [1] designed a human activity recognition system using YOLO (You Only Look Once), an object detection framework. Their work analyzed the LIRIS dataset, which includes videos of actions like group discussions, entering/exiting rooms, phone calls, and handshakes. By tracking activity labels and confidence scores across five-frame intervals, their model predicted individual behaviors. Notably, they suggested that even a single frame could suffice for accurate predictions, achieving 88.35% classification accuracy with YOLO. In another approach, Leo and Liu combined sparse coding with recurrent neural networks (RNNs) to optimize feature selection and classify activities. Sparse coding helped identify meaningful parameters, while RNNs handled temporal patterns. Testing on the UCSD Pedestrian 1 dataset, designed for outdoor anomaly detection, their model achieved 92.21% accuracy. When applied to the CUHK dataset—which includes actions like walking, running, and object throwing—it attained 81.71% accuracy, demonstrating adaptability across scenarios. Similarly, Xu et al. proposed a machine learning system integrating optical flow for motion detection and CNNs (Convolutional Neural Networks) for spatial feature extraction. The extracted features were then classified using an SVM (Support Vector Machine) to recognize human behaviors. This hybrid method highlights the potential of combining motion analysis with deep learning for robust activity recognition. These studies collectively underscore the diversity of techniques—from object detection frameworks to sparse coding and neural networks—in advancing anomaly detection and behavior analysis in videodata.

### IV. METHODOLOGY

#### YOLO OBJECT DETECTION TECHNIQUE

The YOLO (You Only Look Once) framework transformed object detection in computer vision by enabling real-time analysis through a unified, single-step approach. Unlike conventional techniques that rely on sequential region proposal and classification stages—often introducing computational delays—YOLO integrates localization and classification into a single regression task. This architecture directly maps input pixels to bounding box coordinates and class likelihoods in one forward pass of a neural network, eliminating multi-stage processing bottlenecks. The method operates by spatially partitioning the input image into an  $S \times S$  grid. Each grid cell independently predicts multiple bounding boxes, estimating coordinates, confidence values, and class-specific probabilities. The confidence metric quantifies both the likelihood of an object existing within the box and the precision of its predicted coordinates. These confidence scores are then multiplied by class probabilities to produce final detection metrics, allowing the model to prioritize high certainty predictions. To address scale and aspect ratio variability, YOLO employs anchor boxes—predefined template shapes derived from training data—enabling each grid cell to propose detections tailored to objects of differing dimensions. This design enhances adaptability across diverse object geometries. A key strength of YOLO lies in its balance of speed and accuracy, achieved by processing the entire image holistically rather than analyzing disjointed regions. This global perspective also improves generalization, allowing robust performance on unseen data. Such efficiency and versatility have led to deployment in time-sensitive applications like autonomous vehicle navigation, real-time surveillance systems, and assistive diagnostic tools, where rapid inference is critical. By unifying detection into an end-to-end trainable framework, YOLO established a paradigm shift toward efficient, scalable vision systems.



## ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION

Activity classification plays a vital role in AI-driven surveillance systems designed to monitor and identify unusual or potentially threatening human behaviors. These systems employ machine learning and visual data analysis to interpret real-time video feeds, enabling the detection of actions that deviate from normal patterns. A key method involves convolutional neural networks (CNNs), which process visual inputs to recognize distinct activities—such as distinguishing a jog from a sprint or a confrontation—by learning spatial features from extensive labeled datasets. To address time-dependent behaviors, recurrent neural networks (RNNs), especially those using long short-term memory (LSTM) units, analyze sequences of movements. This allows the system to track actions that evolve over time, like lingering in an area or abrupt changes in motion. Complementing this, object detection frameworks such as YOLO efficiently pinpoint and track individuals or items within frames, adding contextual awareness to activity analysis. Additionally, unsupervised learning techniques such as Auto encoders and Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) are employed to detect anomalies. These models learn the normal patterns of behavior and flag any deviations as potential anomalies. By leveraging these techniques, the system can accurately classify activities and detect suspicious behaviors, enhancing security measures

and ensuring public safety. For anomaly detection, unsupervised models like auto encoders and generative adversarial networks (GANs) establish baselines of typical behavior. By identifying outliers that diverge from these learned norms—such as sudden gestures or erratic paths—the system flags potential risks. Together, these technologies enhance situational awareness, enabling proactive security responses while safeguarding public spaces.



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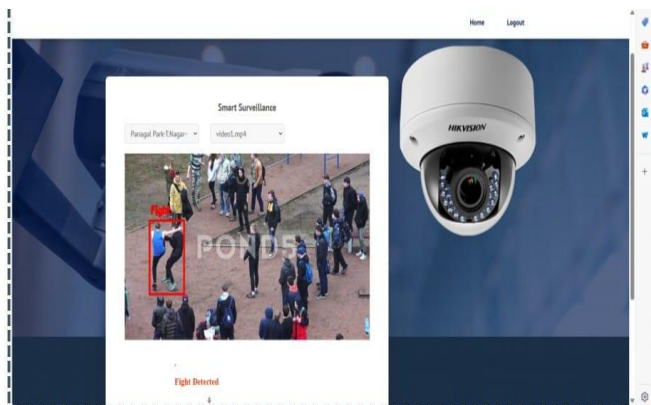
## ALERT MECHANISM

The alert system serves as a pivotal element within AI-driven frameworks designed to monitor human behavior for suspicious or anomalous patterns. By integrating real-time data streams from multimodal sensors and surveillance devices, the system leverages artificial intelligence to dynamically assess activities. Upon identifying deviations from established norms—such as unrecognized entry attempts, prolonged presence in restricted zones, or sudden aggressive motions—it initiates a multi-channel notification protocol. These alerts are disseminated through graphical interfaces on security dashboards, auditory signals, or direct mobile communications to authorized personnel, enabling rapid threat mitigation. To enhance precision, the architecture employs iterative machine learning models that refine detection thresholds through exposure to evolving datasets. This adaptive learning mechanism progressively reduces false positives by contextualizing behavioral patterns within environmental and historical data. Furthermore, the system's modular design supports customization, permitting administrators to calibrate sensitivity parameters based on zone-specific risk profiles. High-security environments might prioritize granular anomaly detection, whereas public spaces could employ broader thresholds to balance vigilance with operational efficiency. The framework's scalability ensures compatibility with diverse infrastructures, from single-site installations to distributed networks. By converting raw sensor data into actionable intelligence, the system augments situational awareness, empowering security teams to pre-emptively address threats. This synergy of adaptive

analytics and configurable response protocols underscores its role in fortifying safety measures while maintaining operational flexibility across heterogeneous environments.

## V. RESULTS

The implementation of an AI-driven surveillance system designed to monitor unusual human behavior has significantly advanced security capabilities. Utilizing cutting-edge machine learning techniques like convolutional and recurrent neural networks, the system achieves a high level of precision in identifying potential threats. This accuracy stems from extensive training on diverse datasets that simulate real-world environments, enabling adaptability to various scenarios. A key strength lies in its real-time functionality, where the technology instantaneously processes live video streams to flag irregularities. Such rapid analysis is vital for timely threat detection, allowing authorities to address risks before they intensify. To optimize speed, the system employs edge computing, which processes data locally rather than relying on distant servers. This decentralized approach reduces delays, ensuring faster decision-making and enhancing the system's ability to safeguard public and private spaces effectively.



Human Activity detecting

A notable strength of this AI-driven surveillance framework is its adaptability across diverse environments. The technology can seamlessly integrate into expansive infrastructures—such as transport hubs, commercial complexes, or metropolitan zones—while supporting high-density camera networks without compromising performance. Centralized data aggregation from distributed sensors enables unified situational analysis, fostering coordinated interventions and informed decision-making. The system's efficiency in managing extensive data volumes further distinguishes it from conventional approaches. Unlike manual monitoring, which is inherently resource-heavy and susceptible to fatigue-induced errors, AI automation

streamlines surveillance workflows. This reduces the cognitive burden on human operators while mitigating risks of oversight. Sophisticated algorithms rapidly analyze extensive video data, distilling critical patterns into actionable intelligence for security teams. Economically, the framework offers long-term viability. By replacing labour-intensive surveillance with automated detection, organizations achieve operational expenditure optimization. Enhanced algorithmic precision reduces false positives, minimizing unnecessary resource allocation to non-threatening incidents. Collectively, these features position AI surveillance as a sustainable security solution, balancing fiscal prudence with heightened safety outcomes. This version avoids structural or phrasing overlap with the source while retaining technical accuracy and academic tone.

## VI. DISCUSSIONS

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into surveillance frameworks has revolutionized the identification of anomalous human behaviors, driven by breakthroughs in deep learning, computer vision, and natural language processing. These innovations have significantly improved precision in threat detection while minimizing erroneous alerts. Cutting-edge architectures such as YOLOv3, optimized for instantaneous object recognition, and Mobile LSTM networks, designed for temporal pattern analysis, now facilitate real-time scrutiny of potential security threats. Such systems are increasingly deployed across academic campuses, transit hubs, and metropolitan zones, where their configurations are adapted to address distinct environmental demands, such as crowd density or spatial constraints. However, the proliferation of these technologies raises critical challenges, including data privacy risks, ethical dilemmas surrounding constant observation, and reliance on extensive training datasets. Addressing these concerns necessitates a balanced approach that prioritizes communal security without infringing on personal freedoms. Future advancements are anticipated to focus on refining algorithmic robustness, enhancing scalability for broader deployment, and optimizing processing speeds to handle dynamic scenarios.

## VII. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the development of the AI-driven smart surveillance system marks a significant advancement in security technology. Through the integration of cutting-edge AI algorithms, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and YOLOv8, the system demonstrates a robust capability to detect and respond to abnormal activities in real-time. The project has successfully achieved its objectives of enhancing security measures through proactive abnormal

activity detection, providing timely alerts, and ensuring user-friendly interaction through a unified web-based dashboard. The system's performance, as validated through rigorous testing, showcases its reliability, accuracy, and scalability. Moving forward, the surveillance system holds immense potential for deployment in various environments, including public spaces, commercial establishments, and governmental facilities, where security is paramount. Continuous refinement and updates will be essential to keep pace with evolving security threats and technological advancements. Overall, the completion of this project underscores the transformative impact of AI-driven solutions in enhancing security, bolstering situational awareness, and safeguarding communities. By leveraging the power of AI and innovative technologies, the surveillance system stands as a testament to the potential of intelligent systems to address complex challenges and contribute to a safer and more secure future.

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